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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**COMMUNICATION**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 9, 2008, within the one-month period for response. Applicant respectfully submits that in claim 2, line 2 of the original amendment filed on October 22, 2007, a strikethrough of the word "a" was indicated; however, in an effort to make the record clear, Applicant has changed the strikethrough to brackets around the word "a" in the second line of claim 2, as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests that the attached Listing of Claims section be substituted for the Listing of Claims section of the October 22, 2007 Amendment and Response to render the Amendment compliant.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is being added by the above amendments, as the amendments are fully supported in the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed. Applicant also notes that the amendments made herein are being made only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the aforementioned claimed subject matter. Applicant is not conceding in this application that the originally claimed subject matter is not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, and Applicant respectfully

reserves the right to pursue this and other subject matter in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications.

In summary, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are novel and non-obvious over the prior art of record. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, the Examiner may contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23 3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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